

FINANCE & UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Commission meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nathan Brown. Those present included: Mayor Nathan Brown; Council Member John Dayton; Commission Members Carroll Jones, Syree Williams, and Brian Keller; and staff members Dave Dunn, Jeremy Mose, Carrie Myers, Kevin Grunwell, and Rikki Bruchey.

Reservoir Engineering Task Order – Mr. Mose discussed this item. He stated this was the engineering work necessary to plan for demolition and construction of a new reservoir to replace the 100-year-old reservoir, which has maintenance and water loss issues. The proposal was for \$151,435. The Commission recommended approval to the Mayor & Council.

MS4 Engineering Task Order – Mr. Dunn discussed this item. He stated this was the engineering work necessary to comply with storm water regulations and remediation efforts required of the City. The proposal was for \$91,500. The Commission recommended approval to the Mayor & Council.

J&J Trash Contract – Mr. Dunn discussed this item. He stated J&J Trash advised they would be raising rates to a unit cost of \$7.82, up from \$6.40. He stated J&J Trash assumed the Key Sanitation contract several years ago and has done a great job, while keeping the rates in the Key contract steady thus far. The Commission recommended approval of the J&J contract to the Mayor & Council.

The Commission continued a previous discussion regarding resident and commercial trash fees. Currently there is a large deficit in the trash accounts. Mayor Brown suggested raising residential trash fees by \$2.50 per quarter. Mr. Dunn discussed a few downtown restaurants being billed at a residential rate, but having a much higher amount of trash. Mayor Brown suggested charging businesses who produce a high rate of trash, including restaurants and food service establishments a rate of \$250/quarter. The Commission consented to those rates and recommended approval to the Mayor & Council.

811 West Potomac Street Access Control & Camera System – Chief Grunwell discussed this proposal for cameras and access control at the 811 building. A second proposal was received at a much higher rate. This proposal was for \$99,591.44. The Commission recommended approval to the Mayor & Council.

Police Department – LEOPS Retirement – Chief Grunwell and Mr. Dunn discussed this item. They stated the City had missed the window of opportunity to join LEOPS in FY23, but wanted to begin discussions for FY24, as most agencies are moving to LEOPS retirement for competitive hiring and retainage of officers. The LEOPS system offers a 25-year retirement and allows officers to retire at a younger age. The Commission all agreed this would be something to continue to discuss in the future.

FY22 Budget Amendments – Mr. Dunn discussed several budget amendments to adjust some capital project spending and property tax revenue. The Commission recommended approval to the Mayor & Council.

FY23 Budget – Mr. Dunn discussed highlights from the FY23 proposed budget. This item will be discussed by the Mayor & Council at the May 24th meeting, and approved in June.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.